

In the Specification:

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Between lines 3 and 4, insert

~~CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS~~

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This is a divisional application of application Serial No. 09/038,749, filed March 12, 1998, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety for all purposes.

Line 7, delete "a" (first occurrence).

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Line 5, after "etching" insert --of--.

Line 12, change "for" to --to--.

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Line 18, before "etched" insert --is--.

Line 20, change "scatters" to --non-uniformities--.

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Line 14, change "votage" to --voltage--.

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Line 16, after "the" insert oxidation proof layer is exposed by removing a portion
a! of the protective layer, so that the--.

Line 17, change "is formed" to --remains--; after "oxide" insert --.--; and delete
"by".

Delete line 18.

Line 19, delete "with a removal of a part of the protective layer."

Line 23, delete "a".

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Line 9, delete ")" (second occurrence).

Line 16, change "CPM" to --CMP--.

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Line 3, after "34" insert --(FIG. 1(f))--.

Line 18, delete "the".

Line 19, change "scatters" to --non-uniformities--.

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Line 18, change "medications" to --modifications--.